

# “A Conversation about Recyclable Commodity Prices: Trends and Impacts on California”

CalRecycle Workshop  
Cal/EPA Headquarters, Sierra Hearing Room (2nd Floor)  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA

**February 16, 2016 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

## Agenda

<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Welcome and Problem Statement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott Smithline, Director, CalRecycle</li> </ul>
<b>1:20 pm</b>	<b>Presentation: Trends in Recyclable Materials Commodity Markets and Infrastructure in California</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Umfress, CalRecycle (10 min.)</li> <li>Evan Edgar, Edgar and Associates (10 min.)</li> <li>Mark Murray, Californians Against Waste (10 min.)</li> </ul>
<b>1:50 pm</b>	<b>Table Top Discussion Groups: Overview, Process and Questions</b> <i>Flow of facilitated discussion, overview of topics, how participants will select topics, and ground rules</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ken DaRosa, Chief Deputy Director, CalRecycle</li> </ul>
<b>2:10 pm</b>	<b>Facilitated Discussion Groups: Round A</b> <i>Groups will focus on how the changing markets and a decline in commodity prices impact recycling, manufacturing and state programs. Participants will share their perspectives and potential approaches for moving forward in one of three facilitated topic areas. Each topic will be repeated three times, allowing attendees to contribute to multiple topics and listen to a range of perspectives.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generation/Collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions related to consumer education, local collection, sorting technologies, material mix, contamination, and/or transportation and logistics.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Processing/Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions related to changes in the processing/recycling technology to improve efficiencies, return commodities to the supply chain, reduce contamination, reduce costs, respond to changing material mix, or increase commodity prices.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Markets/Business Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions related to creating/bolstering/growing markets (especially CA markets), new business opportunities, recyclers working more closely with manufacturers, changes in markets for particular commodities, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>2:30 pm</b>	<b>Facilitated Discussion Groups: Round B</b>
<b>2:50 pm</b>	<b>Facilitated Discussion Groups: Round C</b>
<b>3:10 pm</b>	<b>Short Break</b>
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>Discussion Group Summaries</b> <i>Brief summaries of the major points from each discussion group, possible solutions proposed by attendees, and brief discussion regarding the type of action needed to pursue the proposed solutions (administrative, regulatory, or statutory).</i>
<b>3:50 pm</b>	<b>Observations and Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott Smithline, Director, CalRecycle</li> </ul>